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Patentees: Hatch et al.
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For: Magnetic Head Suspension
Assembly Fabricated With Integral
Load Beam And Flexure

The case referred to above has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with other cases hereafter specified. Attention is directed to the fact that this interference is declared pursuant to 37 CFR 1.601 et seq., effective February 11, 1985 (49 F.R. 48416. 1050 O.G. 385). The interference is designated as No. 103,228.

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Count 1

A head suspension assembly including an air bearing slider and at least one transducer disposed on the slider for transducing data that is recorded and read out from a surface of a rotating magnetic disc, comprising:

a single integral planar piece of a specified thickness comprising,

a beam section formed with a narrowed end;

a gimbal section formed with two spaced gimbal beams defining a cutout portion therebetween, the gimbal beams extending from the narrowed end of the beam section, and a lateral section spaced from the beam section connecting the gimbal beams;

a load point tab extending from the narrowed end of the beam section, the load point tab being disposed between the gimbal beams of the gimbal section, the load point tab having a free end within the gimbal section, the load point tab being formed with a load supporting protrusion;

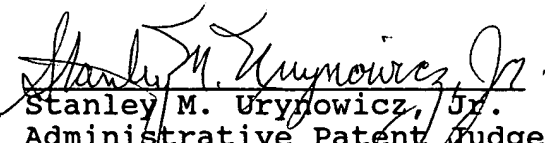
the air bearing slider being bonded to the lateral section and in contact with the load supporting protrusion;

whereby load transfer is effectively separated from the gimbaling action of the slider so that pitch and roll stiffness is effectively reduced.

The claims of the parties which correspond to this count are:

Hatch et al.: Claims 1-22

Hagen : Claims 1-4, 6-22, 29-30 and 40


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